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**Commissioner for Patents**

The Amendment filed on April 19, 2004 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). There are no remaining claims that are not readable on the elected invention. Newly submitted claims 33-43, drawn to methods for extending the life span of an organism comprising administering an inhibitor of histone deacetylase to increase activity of at least one gene encoding a protein selected from superoxide dismutase, cytochrome P450 or glutathione S transferase, are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. The new subject matter requires further search and consideration.

Since the above-mentioned Amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, Applicants are given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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